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Of Manufacturing The Same)
Art Unit: 2823)
Examiner: F. Toledo)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby call the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. Applicants are enclosing a copy of the cited references herewith.

Applicants note that a Notice of Allowance issued on this application on December 3, 2003. In accordance with the undersigned's telephone conference with the Examiner, Applicants are submitting this IDS under 37 CFR 1.312 and ask for consideration of it by the Examiner.

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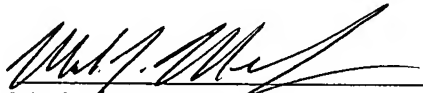
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